

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.J. Res. 13, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 13) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 13) was read the third time and passed.

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 25, and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 25) designating January 2003 as "National Mentoring Month".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 25) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 25

Whereas mentors serve as role models, advocates, friends, and advisors to youth in need;

Whereas numerous studies and research document that mentors help youth augment social skills and emotional well-being, improve cognitive skills, and plan for the future;

Whereas, for some youth, having a caring adult mentor to turn to for guidance and encouragement can make the crucial difference between success and failure in life;

Whereas 17,600,000 youth, nearly half the youth population, want or need mentors to help them reach their full potential;

Whereas there exists a large "mentoring gap" of unmet needs, as evidenced by the fact that just 2,500,000 youth are in formal mentoring relationships, leaving 15,000,000 youth still in need of mentors;

Whereas the celebration of National Mentoring Month will institutionalize the Nation's commitment to mentoring and raise awareness of mentoring in various forms;

Whereas a month-long focus on mentoring will tap into the vast pool of potential mentors and motivate adults to take action to help a youth;

Whereas National Mentoring Month will encourage organizations of all kinds—businesses, faith communities, government agencies, schools, and other organizations—to engage their constituents in mentoring; and

Whereas the celebration of that month would above all encourage more people to volunteer as mentors, to the benefit of the Nation's youth: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of January 2003 as "National Mentoring Month"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of and volunteer involvement with youth mentoring.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF ARTHUR J. RYNEARSON

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 33, which was submitted earlier today by Senators STEVENS and BYRD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 33) expressing the gratitude of the United States Senate for the service of Arthur J. Ryneerson, Deputy Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I rise to commend Mr. Art Ryneerson, the Deputy Legislative Counsel of the Senate, who retires on January 31, 2003, after serving in the Senate for more than 26 years, including more than 3 years as Deputy Legislative Counsel.

As President pro tempore of the Senate, it is my pleasure to oversee the work of the Office of the Legislative Counsel. I appreciate the great dedication and professionalism Art Ryneerson has displayed in his role as an attorney in the Office and in his service as Deputy Legislative Counsel.

The Office of Legislative Counsel plays a very important role in the legislative process. We all rely upon the attorneys in the office to provide legislative drafts to effectively carry out our legislative policy. Mr. Ryneerson, in his role as Deputy Legislative Counsel, has helped to see that we are all served well by a professional, career, and nonpartisan staff.

In addition to his service as Deputy Legislative Counsel, Art Ryneerson served for more than 26 years as the principal drafter in the Senate on virtually all matters relating to international relations, international security, immigration and the State Department, and all matters relating to

Senate consideration of international treaties. He served the Senate well in that regard, with a commanding knowledge of international law and the dedication to put in long hours in service of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. President, I am proud to sponsor this resolution, and I am proud to have known and worked with Art Ryneerson. He has served his Nation well for over 28 years, including 2 years with the Library of Congress. I wish Art and his wife, Mary Linda, the very best for the future, especially time spent enjoying their retirement.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I am proud to cosponsor with Senator STEVENS a resolution commending Mr. Art Ryneerson who is retiring as Deputy Legislative Counsel of the Senate on January 31, 2003. I have had the pleasure of working with Art on many laws relating to foreign policy matters.

I wish to join with Senator STEVENS, and with all Senators, in expressing our deepest gratitude to Art Ryneerson for his long years of service to the United States Senate. He has been part of the Office of Legislative Counsel for more than 26 years, including the last 4 as Deputy Legislative Counsel; and during that time he has provided valuable assistance to me and to my staff.

While overseeing the Office of Legislative Counsel as President pro tempore, I appreciated the great dedication and professionalism Art Ryneerson displayed in carrying out his duties and responsibilities. I know that his departure will leave a void that is difficult to fill as he is truly a part of the institutional memory of the Senate. In passing this resolution, the Senate recognizes his years of commitment to the Senate.

Mr. President, I wish Art Ryneerson and his wife, Mary Linda, well in his retirement.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BROWNBACK and myself, we welcome this opportunity to honor the outstanding career and contributions of a truly dedicated and gifted member of our Senate family, the Deputy Legislative Counsel of the Senate, Art Ryneerson.

Many of us have been very grateful to Mr. Ryneerson over the years for his superb assistance in preparing legislation on foreign affairs. His many accomplishments in this area include drafting, editing, and organizing the 2003 Foreign Relations Authorization Act, the Iran-Libya Act, the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986; the Senate conditions to the Protocols for the Expansion of NATO, the Chemical Weapons Convention, the START Treaty, and the Panama Canal Treaties.

Senator BROWNBACK and I, and all the members of the Immigration Subcommittee, are especially grateful to Mr. Ryneerson for his skillful work in legislation on immigration, naturalization, and refugee affairs. Mr. Ryneerson's thoughtful insight, and his

mastery of these issues have resulted in articulate, well-drafted, and far-reaching laws that have helped countless immigrants and refugees.

Art Rynearson's many contributions are well-known and greatly appreciated by all of us who know him and admire him, and millions of men and women and children who may never know his name have benefited from his dedication and commitment. As he retires after 26 years of heart-felt service and high ability, he has the gratitude and respect of all of us in the Senate, and we wish him well in his retirement.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, today the Senate expresses its appreciation and best wishes to one of the great unsung heroes who make this institution work.

Art Rynearson, the Senate's Deputy Legislative Counsel, is retiring after over 26 years of exemplary service to this body. Art has been a backstage participant in many historic foreign policy decisions of the Senate, assisting the Foreign Relations Committee to draft both legislation and resolutions of advice and consent to ratification of treaties. His actions were rarely recognized or noticed by the public, but his contributions were essential. Art's job was to ensure that our legislation clearly expressed the intent of the committee and that it meshed properly with existing law. He accomplished that through marvelous attention to detail and a complete absence of partisanship.

During the past 6 years, during which I have served as either the chairman or ranking member of the committee, Art has borne a heavy burden—working on such matters as the Chemical Weapons Convention, NATO enlargement, and major legislation to restructure America's foreign policy agencies. The committee owes him a great debt.

It is not overstatement to say that the Senate could not function without people like Art Rynearson. Every day—and many a night—he was there, unfailingly courteous and professional, ready to assist the committee's members and staff to draft and refine legislation for consideration by the committee and the Senate. His knowledge of foreign relations and immigration law, gained through his many years of service, will not be easily replaced.

I know that I speak for all of my colleagues on the Foreign Relations Committee in saying thank you to Art Rynearson. We wish him and his wife, Mary, every happiness as he begins his next stage in life.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 33) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 33

Whereas Arthur J. "Art" Rynearson, the Deputy Legislative Counsel of the Senate, became an employee of the Senate on August 25, 1976, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the high traditions and standards of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate for more than 26 years;

Whereas Art Rynearson has served as Deputy Legislative Counsel since October 20, 1999, and demonstrated great dedication, professionalism, and integrity in faithfully discharging the duties and responsibilities of his position;

Whereas Art Rynearson for more than 26 years was the primary drafter in the Senate of virtually all legislation relating to international relations, international security, immigration, and the State Department, and all matters relating to Senate consideration of international treaties;

Whereas Art Rynearson will retire on January 31, 2003, after more than 28 years of service with the Congress, including more than 2 years with the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress; and

Whereas Art Rynearson has met the legislative drafting needs of the United States with unfailing professionalism, skill, and dedication: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate commends Arthur J. Rynearson for his more than 26 years of faithful and exemplary service to the United States Senate and the Nation, including 4 years as the Deputy Legislative Counsel of the Senate, and expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude for his long, faithful, and outstanding service.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Arthur J. Rynearson.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 241

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that S. 241, which was introduced earlier today by Senators SNOWE and KERRY, is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 241) to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 11 a.m., Thursday, January 30. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for morning business until 1 p.m., with the time equally divided and Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of Senators, we do expect a couple of nominations to be available for the Senate's consideration during Thursday's session. We now have a consent agreement for the consideration of the nomination of Gordon England, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. Votes are, therefore, possible during tomorrow's session. We will alert all Members as the voting times become more certain.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:23 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 30, 2003, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 29, 2003:

THE JUDICIARY

LOUISE W. FLANAGAN, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, VICE JAMES C. FOX, RETIRED.

RICHARD D. BENNETT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, VICE FREDERIC N. SMALKIN, RETIRED.

THERESA LAZAR SPRINGMANN, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, VICE JAMES T. MOODY, RETIRED.

JAMES V. SELNA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE J. SPENCER LETTS, RETIRED.

J. LEON HOLMES, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS, VICE STEPHEN M. REASONER, RETIRED.

PHILIP P. SIMON, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, VICE WILLIAM C. LEE, RETIRED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 1552.

To be colonel

JOSEPH P. DIBENEDITTO, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 1552.

To be major

JOHN C. LANDRENEAU, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS CHAPLAIN UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

CHARLES R. BAILEY, 0000
LAWRENCE M. BARRY, 0000
GLEN L. BLOOMSTROM JR., 0000
KENNETH N. BROWN, 0000
ROGER D. HEATH, 0000
FREDERICK E. HOADLEY, 0000
STEVEN E. MOON, 0000
TED W. NICHOLS, 0000
ARTHUR C. PACE, 0000
RICHARD L. PACE, 0000
CHARLES D. REESE, 0000
KENNETH L. SAMPSON, 0000
DAVID W. SMARTT, 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate January 29, 2003:

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

HARRY ROBINSON, JR., OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2003.

ELIZABETH J. PRUETT, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2004.

EDWIN JOSEPH RIGAUD, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2007.

DANA GIOIA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.